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Sectional Door

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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed 18 November 99. In light of these Specification amendments and arguments regarding the patentability of the claims contained herein, it is submitted that the Application is now in condition for allowance.

In the Specification:

On page 1, after "Serial No. 08/679,411 filed May 28, 1996", please insert -- now abandoned -- and

On page 8, line 8 after "expanded regions" please insert -- of the opposed ends --.